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(5) X: A: Could you spare me some time?

Y: ( )

X: OK, I'll ask someone else. Thank you.

- ① I wish I could.                      ② I could. But for only half an hour.  
③ Sure. What can I do for you?      ④ I'll manage to spare you some time.

(6) X: Did you finish writing the report about the nursing practice the other day? Mine will soon be finished.

Y: Good for you. I've just started it.

X: Have you? ( )

Y: I thought I had more time. Thank you for letting me know.

- ① You don't have to worry about that.  
② You will be able to finish it without difficulty.  
③ You will be able to make it in a few days.  
④ You have little time because we have to submit it tomorrow.

(7) X: ( ) [ Y = taxi driver ]

Y: Sure, get in. Where would you like to go?

X: To the World Trade Center.

Y: Ok, make yourself comfortable.

- ① Hi, would you do me a favor?      ② Hey, what are you waiting for?  
③ Hi, will you leave it to me?        ④ Hi, are you available?

(8) X: How is your new English teacher, Mary?

Y: Good, dad. He seemed to be kind at first but he often gives us a lot of homework.

X: ( ) English has never been your strong subject, so you need someone to push you.

Y: You may be right, but ...

- ① Let someone else take care of your problem.      ② I will ask the head master to replace him.  
③ Let me think what I can do for you.                ④ I think he'll be very good for you.

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【2】次の英文中の（ ）に入れるのに最も適切なものを①～④より1つ選びなさい。

(1) Some colleges ( ) all of their students with laptop computers so that students can use them in class and at home.

- ① solve ② elect ③ raise ④ provide

(2) Kenta lost his hotel card key, so he could not ( ) his door. He had to ask a hotel staff for help.

- ① decorate ② unlock ③ reserve ④ feature

(3) Noriko saw one of her old class mates at a party yesterday. She did not ( ) him at first because he had changed so much.

- ① recognize ② mention ③ establish ④ image

(4) In chemistry class, students learn the names of the ( ) that can be found in nature. They have to know that CO<sub>2</sub> is made of carbon and oxygen.

- ① elements ② witnesses ③ narrations ④ duties

(5) To save money, Yuka started bringing lunch from home ( ) eating at restaurants.

- ① instead of ② ready for ③ according to ④ same as

(6) Naomi ate a lot of fast food during her vacation, so she ( ) some weight. She stopped eating fast food and cooked by herself for about a month to lose it.

- ① put on ② made up ③ cleared out ④ showed off

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【3】次の日本語を参考に、①～⑥の語(句)を正しく並べ変え、その際に(A)～(J)にくる語(句)の番号を解答用紙に記入しなさい。

(1) 私は昨夜あなたにもっと早く家に帰ってきて欲しかった。

I( ) ( A ) ( ) ( ) ( B ) ( ) last night.

① come ② to ③ home ④ earlier ⑤ you ⑥ wanted

(2) 今のところ、私の最大の目標の一つは看護師になることです。

One of ( ) ( ) ( C ) ( ) ( D ) ( ) a nurse at the moment.

① biggest ② become ③ my ④ is ⑤ goals ⑥ to

(3) 彼女はこの市の次期市長になることが期待されています。

She is ( ) ( E ) ( ) ( ) ( F ) ( ) of this city.

① to ② next ③ be ④ expected ⑤ mayor ⑥ the

(4) この写真を見るたびに、過ぎ去った日々のが思い出されます。

I can't look at ( ) ( ) ( G ) ( ) ( H ) ( ) gone by.

① being ② the days ③ this picture ④ of ⑤ without ⑥ reminded

(5) コロナウイルスのせいで私達は1ヶ月以上学校に行けなかった。

Corona viruses ( ) ( I ) ( ) ( J ) ( ) ( ) for more than a month.

① school ② going ③ us ④ prevented ⑤ to ⑥ from

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【4】次の英文 “We Are Made of Stars” を読んで設問に答えなさい。

Have you ever heard of light pollution? It is a ( ① ) problem where we can hardly see the night sky due to our bright cities. This is unfortunate because being able to see stars has some importance to us. First, it can put your problems and stress into ( ② ). We tend to get caught up in our personal worlds and lose our sense of scale. Well, nothing has a larger scale than the universe. Furthermore, stars remind us of the history of man and (A)our relationship with nature. Many millions of (B)humans who have come before us have lived under the same night sky and have survived through much more difficult times than ours. Stars can help us realize that some of our problems may not be so ( ③ ), and we will survive too. Second, stargazing can repair our eyesight. We know that staring at a bright blue screen all day is ( ④ ) to us. It puts a lot of stress and strain on our eyes. On the other hand, it is scientifically proven that watching the stars at night can reduce this stress. The night sky is dark, yet gentle. When you try to see stars, especially the darker distant ones, your eyes first need to relax. This will keep them healthy. Finally, stars give us romantic feelings. When asking couples what their ( ⑤ ) date is, a movie date is one of the most popular choices, but no movie can be as romantic as the peace and beauty of a starry night. There is a sense of wonder and danger that can make couples feel closer. If you still think a movie is better because of its story, remember that in ancient times, people made zodiac signs and the mythology of stars. Their imaginations are so amazing, and each story is so fantastic. Let's ( ⑥ ) our city lights and our screens and be reminded that stars have the power to make our lives better.

(註) \*zodiac signs 〔占星〕十二宮 \*mythology 神話

(1) 文中の ( ① ) ~ ( ⑥ ) に入れるのに最も適切な語を A~D より選び解答用紙に記入しなさい。

- ① (A) different (B) frightening (C) modern (D) stale
- ② (A) perspective (B) clear (C) worry-free (D) judgement
- ③ (A) much (B) great (C) stress (D) weigh
- ④ (A) negative (B) beneficial (C) harmful (D) hurt
- ⑤ (A) solitude (B) memorable (C) ideal (D) new
- ⑥ (A) clean (B) turn off (C) dump (D) mute

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(2) 下線部 (A)our relationship with nature は (A)~(D) のどれに相当するか。ひとつ選びなさい。

- (A) how we feel about love
- (B) love is natural
- (C) our connection to the universe
- (D) ecology

(3) 下線部 (B)humans who have come before us は(A)~(D) のどれに相当するか。ひとつ選びなさい。

- (A) The people of the past
- (B) Our former relations
- (C) Man's destiny
- (D) The men in line in front of us

(4) What is the main topic of the essay? Choose the best one.

- (A) We are damaging our eyes
- (B) Cities are causing us to lose sight of the night sky
- (C) We have lost touch with our history
- (D) Stargazing is beneficial to us

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【5】次の英文 “How to Have a Happy Cat” を読んで設問に答えなさい。

According to a recent survey, over 30 percent of Japanese households have a pet. The main reasons they have one are to have a good family relationship, to prevent loneliness, and to teach responsibility. Dogs are the most popular choice, but cats are increasing in popularity. Pet owners who have experience with both cats and dogs know that living with a cat is a very different experience. The main reason for this is that in nature, dogs are pack or group animals, whereas cats are commonly solo hunters. This means cats are naturally much more independent than dogs. It is not that cats dislike being with you, it just means they want to choose when to be with you. In order to be a good cat owner, there are three recommended ways to give your cat this independence.

First, you must have sheltered places which are for your cat only. Cats feel stress if they can't hide when they want to. If you imagine life as a small stealthy cat, you can understand that giant humans stomping around would be very disturbing. A separate room or some barriers should be arranged.

(A) In order to feel secure, cats look for places of refuge. Remember that unlike dogs, cats choose when to be affectionate, so they will come and visit you once their need for safety and security has been satisfied.

Secondly, doors should be kept open whenever possible. A cat is a natural hunter. Therefore, they have the instinct to explore and search. This means they need the stimulation that a variety of smells, objects, and places provide. When doors and passageways are shut, they do not have access to such areas and they become bored. Furthermore, they have explored such areas in your house before, so they know that they exist. (B) This denial of access is sure to cause them frustration.

Finally, you should never hold your cat too tightly or too long. Humans love soft and furry things, so the temptation to hug a cat is great, but we must remember that a cat wants to feel free. If you confine it to your body, it will feel trapped and will try to escape. If you repeat this action too often it will start to avoid you and grow to dislike you.

Cats can be social animals, but not to the same extent as dogs. They are not naturally born to live with humans. (C) Dogs, on the other hand, are bred to love people from birth no matter who their masters are. One adjusts to pet owners while the other requires pet owners to adjust to them. We must consider our cat's need to hunt, explore, and be independent. If you follow the advice in this essay, your cat will grow to love and appreciate you as a good pet owner.

\*stomp 足を踏み鳴らす \*stimulation 刺激

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(1) 下線部 ①～⑤ の語 (句) の意味に最も近いものを (A) ～ (D) より選び、その記号を解答用紙に記入しなさい。

- ① (A) pageant (B) research (C) sightseeing (D) construction
- ② (A) bright (B) bothersome (C) advancing (D) stimulating
- ③ (A) loving (B) aggressive (C) lonely (D) cunning
- ④ (A) clear (B) express (C) refine (D) restrain
- ⑤ (A) ability (B) degree (C) opinion (D) agreement

(2) 下線部 (A)In order to feel secure, cats look for places of refuge は (A)～(D) のどれに相当するか。ひとつ選びなさい。

- (A) Cats are independent (B) Cats often feel nervous in open areas
- (C) Cats are solo hunters (D) Dark and sheltered areas are ideal for a cat to play in

(3) 下線部 (B)This denial of access is sure to cause them frustration は (A)～(D) のどれに相当するか。ひとつ選びなさい。

- (A) They get upset if they don't have freedom to move
- (B) Cats need to feel safe and secure in shelter
- (C) We must deny them too many treats
- (D) We must prevent access to dangerous areas

(4) 下線部の (C)Dogs, on the other hand, are bred to love people は (A)～(D) のどれに相当するか。ひとつ選びなさい。

- (A) Dogs are very sensitive to bread (B) Dogs are designed to live with humans
- (C) Dogs are uncommonly kind (D) Dogs are more loyal to people than cats

(5) What is the main topic of the essay? Choose the best one.

- (A) Dogs are not as independent as cats
- (B) Cats need love as much as dogs
- (C) Pet owners should adjust to the independent nature of cats
- (D) Cat owners must prepare their home to prevent cat stress